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President: Mr. BALAZS (Hungary)

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The public meeting was called to order at 7.25 p.m.

ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL (continued) (IDB.10/37, IDB.10/38 and Corr.1)

1. Mr. HELLER (Mexico) thanked the members of the Board for the confidence they had shown in his country by deciding to recommend Mr. Mauricio de María y Campos of Mexico as the new Director-General of UNIDO. He was confident that the General Conference would accept the Board's recommendation and was sure that the qualities of Mr. de María y Campos would enable him to meet the challenges that he would face.

2. Mr. GUTIERREZ (Chile) said that he would like to congratulate Mr. de María y Campos on his election as the Board's candidate for Director-General, and appealed to all Members to join in a common effort to enable UNIDO to move forward.

3. Mr. JOSHUA (Pakistan) extended his delegation's warm congratulations to Mr. de María y Campos and assured him of his delegation's full cooperation.

4. Mr. NDIAYE (Senegal), speaking on behalf of the African countries, congratulated Mr. de María y Campos on his election and wished him all success. UNIDO was of particular importance to Africa, the world's least industrialized region, and he hoped that the new Director-General would bear in mind Africa's needs during his term of office.

5. Mr. SARBU (Romania) offered his congratulations to Mr. de María y Campos, whose efforts would be very important in enabling UNIDO to adjust to the present changes in the world and to assist in the modernization of those countries that were going through a process of transition.

6. The PRESIDENT suggested that the meeting should be suspended briefly to allow him to formulate, in consultation with the successful candidate, draft decisions for adoption by the Board.

7. It was so decided.

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The meeting was suspended at 7.35 p.m. and resumed at 8.15 p.m.

8. The PRESIDENT said that, after consultations with the successful candidate and with the Bureau, he wished to propose that the Board should decide, acting in accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, to recommend to the General Conference the appointment of Mauricio de María y Campos as Director-General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 1 April 1993 or until the Director-General appointed at the seventh regular session of the General Conference assumed office, whichever was later.

9. The proposal that the new Director-General's term should begin on 1 April required an extension of the appointment of Mr. Alexandrenne as Acting Director-General until 31 March 1993. He was advised that such an extension required only an understanding of the Board and not a formal decision.

10. The decision proposed by the President was adopted.

11. The PRESIDENT said that, in accordance with rule 103.4 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, the Conference had to consider a draft contract submitted to it by the Board for approval, establishing the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General. He therefore submitted to the Board for its consideration the draft contract contained in the annex to document IDB.10/38 and Corr.1. Some small amendments needed to be made in the text as it appeared in the document in question.*

12. The draft contract, as amended, was approved by the Board.

13. The PRESIDENT proposed that, further to the recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director-General, and acting in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, the Board should adopt a decision recommending to the Conference the draft contract that had just been approved (to be annexed to the decision), which established the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director-General, including the salary and emoluments attached to the office.

14. The draft decision proposed by the President was adopted.

15. The PRESIDENT said that he would like to congratulate the successful candidate on behalf of the members of the Board. He wished Mr. de María y Campos success in his task of revitalizing UNIDO and promised him his support in organizing the necessary consultations among the members of the Board.

16. He would also like to thank Mr. Alexandrenne for the important contribution he had made as Acting Director-General during a very difficult period.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION

17. The PRESIDENT suggested that the Rapporteur should be entrusted with preparing the report on the resumed tenth session with the help of the Friends of the Rapporteur.

18. It was so decided.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

19. The PRESIDENT declared the session closed.

The meeting rose at 8.30 p.m.

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* For the text of the draft contract as adopted by the Board, see document GC/S.1/3, pp. 4-6.